

SENATE BILL 3688

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,  
Chapter 4, relative to authorizing the comptroller of  
the treasury to obtain certain information for  
applicants applying for employment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following new section:

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(a) The comptroller may require all persons prior to employment with such office  
to:

(1) Agree to the release of all investigative records to the comptroller for  
the purpose of verifying the accuracy of criminal violation information contained  
on an employment application; and

(2) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records  
check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation. In addition, to  
the extent permitted by federal law, and at the discretion of the comptroller, a  
check of such prints may be made against records maintained by the federal  
bureau of investigation.

(b) Any costs incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation or the federal  
bureau of investigation, as appropriate, in conducting such investigations of applicants  
shall be paid by the comptroller.

(c) The comptroller may establish the job titles or classifications to which the  
requirements of this section apply. Such classifications shall not supersede any  
mandatory fingerprint-based criminal history background requirements that may be

applicable for any person who is seeking employment in a position in any program subject to licensure, approval or certification by any state agency.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.